IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF BOUGUELERET ET AL.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir/Madam:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed 10 January 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on 10 March 2008.

A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee.

In response to the notice, applicants submit the following:

- 1) An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
- A Sequence Listing including a computer readable copy, a paper copy, and a Statement Verifying Identity of Above Copies; and

Please charge the \$130 surcharge fee under 37 CFR §1.16(e) to Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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